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From Your (number-crunching) Editor:

It's that time of the fiscal year when the financial books are closed on the past year and opened on the new fiscal year. This means a new budget and new allocation figures that depend on many things — the final budget, the cost of books, journals, databases, leases, et al, the personnel budgets and salaries, supplies, computers and equipment, etc., etc. It's a time when most people take vacations but we in technical services who handle the budgets, can't think about it til the middle of July! And don't forget that August is when Annual Reports are due! ACK!!!

And of course this year as always we had the September print *Against the Grain* to complete. Special thanks to the **ATG team of Toni Nix, Tom Gilson, and Leah Hinds!**

This issue is guest edited by **Corrie Marsh and Fenella France** and is entitled **Audio Visual Preservation**. What a hugely ambitious topic! We had three times as many papers and total pages as we could publish in the print September



issue. We will be publishing the other papers online and as possible in future print issues of **ATG**. The articles that we have in this print issue cover preservation at the **Library of Congress (Fenella France)**, preservation at the **National Archives and Records Administration (Christina Kovac and Jason Love)**, preservation of digitized video (**George Blood**), magnetic tapes (**Brianna Cassidy et al**), optical disc archiving (**Hiroko Ito**), microfilm (**Tim Knapp**) and the digital vapor trail (**Chris Muller**). Online and other papers will include a case study about preservation during Hurricane Sandy (**Kara Van Malssen**), magnetic tape stability (**Dietrich Schuller**). Video format guidance (**Kate Murray and Carl Fleischauer**), the cost of inaction (**Chris Lacinak**), and audio tape restoration (**Richard L. Hess**)

Our **OpEd** is by **Steve McKinzie** and is about net neutrality, our back talk by **Jim O'Donnell** is about his inbox, our **Biz of Acq** is about libguides, and our interviews are with **Tom Hogan and Pauline Rodriguez-Atkins**. Our reviews section is packed with columns — we have book reviews, from the reference desk, briefly noted, booklover, collecting to the core, and one special review. **Ramune Kubilius, Sever Bordeianu, and Don Hawkins** have also packed this issue with reports of meetings in case you missed them.

Well, time to quit for tonight! Did I tell you I also have to pay a ton of personal bills assuming I have the money!

Let's avoid hurricanes! Love, Yr. Ed. 🌿

Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: *Against the Grain*, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the *ATG Homepage* at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>.

Dear Editor:

I am writing with a business request, but first on a personal note, I would like to extend my sincerest sympathies to you, your colleagues, and the city of Charleston for your horrific loss and tragedy. I've enjoyed coming to your conference and spending time in your lovely city so much the last few years that I now think of Charleston as "my own," and it deeply saddens me to see the city going through such a difficult time. I look forward to coming back this fall and doing what I can to help the city return to normalcy.

Best regards, **Devika Seecharran Levy**
(Sales & Outreach Manager, World Bank Group)
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Dear Editor:

Just back from grandson-sitting in London and found my copy of *Against the Grain* with the pic of **George and Ileana**.

Isn't being grandparents just the BEST job? Look forward to swapping notes in Charleston.

Warmest regards, **Derek Law**
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2015 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Charleston Conference	November 2015	08/20/15	09/10/15
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2015-Jan. 2016	11/12/15	11/27/15
2016 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Review, PLA	February 2016	01/07/16	01/21/16
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2016	02/18/16	03/10/16
ALA Annual	June 2016	04/07/16	04/28/16
Reference Publishing	September 2016	06/16/16	07/07/16
Charleston Conference	November 2016	08/18/16	09/08/16
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017	11/10/16	11/28/16

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Ran into a book (*Wing Over Wendover Meets the King* by **Eric Stephen Bocks**) the other day. It's an adventure story about a boy and a peregrine falcon. Did you know that once upon a time, **Martin Marlow** used to train falcons with his two sons? So I decided to send the link to him. **Martin** says that **Maverick** is taking most of his time now so his Falconry days are over. It's hard to believe that the once little boys are now 32 and 23 (wonder if **Martin** planned the numbers reversal?). **Martin** says that the next batch of kids (**Verity 11 and Joe 9**) are more into ballet and rugby. Having played rugby when he was younger, **Martin** finds rugby familiar but the ballet is more challenging. (Can you imagine **Martin** at the ballet?) Anyway, **Verity** is obviously talented! She danced the **Nutcracker** with the **English National Ballet** in London over Christmas! A little more about **Martin**. He says he is doing well and that **Maverick** will definitely be in Charleston, three strong. Hooray! <http://www.maverick-os.com/profiles/>

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